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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE REQUEST FOR TRAINING A-4 PILOTS IN PHILIPPINES

REFS: (A) MANILA 641, (B) SINGAPORE 194

1. I DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER THAT "DECISION HAS, IN EFFECT, BEEN MADE FOR US" ON SUBJECT OF SINGAPORE A-4 TRAINING AS RESULT OF MY CONVERSATION WITH MARCOS. AS I REPORTED IN REF A, IT APPEARS TO BE MARCOS INTENTION TO PROCRASTINATE AND THUS AVOID MAKING A DECISION. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN EFFECTIVELY WARNED BY HIM THAT HE IS PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT. THIS IS IN DIRECT CONTRACTION TO ALLEGATION THAT HE REACTED WITH "SURPRISE AND DISTRESS" ON LEARNING THAT ROMULO HAD SENT NEGATIVE DECISION TO SINGAPOREANS ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. GIVEN THE WAY THIS GOVERNMENT WORKS, I AM CONFIDENT NOT RPT NO MESSAGE (ESPECIALLY A NEGATIVE ONE) WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT TO SINGAPORE BY DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITHOUT EXPRESS APPROVAL OF MARCOS. THEREFORE, WHATEVER "SURPRISE AND DISTRESS" MARCOS MAY HAVE INDICATED TO ANY THIRD PARTY IS MERELY PART OF PHILIPPINE "DELICADEZA"

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3. AS FAR AS THE KUALA LUMPUR REACTION IS CONCERNED, IT IS NOT RPT NOT A QUESTION OF CREATING "SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM FOR U.S. ON OUR RELATIONS WITH GOM." IT IS PRECISIELY THE ISSUE TO WHICH MARCOS ALLUDED, I.E., THE TRAINING OF SINGAPORE PILOTS IN THE PHILIPPINES WOULD REPRESENT COLLABORATION (READ COLLUSION) BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH HARBOR CERTAIN RESERVATIONS ABOUT MALAYSIA'S GOOD WILL TOWARDS THEM. GIVEN ATMOSPHERE OF DISTRUST WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN MANILA AND KUALA LUMPUR, IT SEEMS LOGICAL THAT MARCOS WOULD WISH TO AVOID ITS POSSIBLE EXACERBATION.

4. JUST FOR THE RECORD, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN NATIONALITY OF SINGAPORE A-4 PILOTS. THE LAST TIME I TOOK A READING ON THIS, MOST OF THEM WERE SHEEPDIPPED CHINESE ON LOAN FROM GROC AIR FORCE. HAS THIS CHANGED AND ARE SINGAPORE PILOTS CURRENTLY BONA FIDE SINGAPORE NATIONALS?

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